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SU visits Maryland Legislature



Photo by Constance Mensh

Del. Norman Conway is presented with the John R. Hargreaves Distinguished Legislator Award. From L to R: Dr. Harry Basehart, Sen. Talmadge Branch, Pres. Janet Dudley-Eshbach, Senior Brian Young, Del. Norman Conway, Dr. Fran Kane

Students lobby for university funding

By:Constance Mensh

Staff Writer

Salisbury University students and administrators visited Annapolis Wednesday, at the second annual "SU Day at the Maryland Legislature," to lobby for greater funding for the improvements slated for the university in the coming years. The well-timed visit occurred just one day after Governor Ehrlich's capital budget proposal, which included \$194 million for four-year public colleges and universities, but omitted any direct allocations to SU.

At the event, Del. Norman Conway, D-38B-Wicomico, was presented with the John R.

Hargreaves Distinguished Legislator Award from SU's Institute for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement (PACE). Conway, whose influence was instrumental in the university receiving the \$37 million in funding for the construction of Henson Hall, was recently named the chair for Maryland's Appropriations Committee.

"I'm really humbled and deeply appreciative," said Conway in response to receiving the award. "We're going to do all we can to help the university."

SU President, Janet Dudley-Eshbach, along with Dr. Harry Basehart and Dr. Fran Kane, the directors of PACE, presented Conway with the award for his dedication to education

and contributions to the improvement of SU.

"The Hargreaves Award acknowledges the leadership of one outstanding legislator. Delegate Norm Conway is not only

in a powerful position, he is also a graduate of SU," said Dudley-Eshbach.

This is the third time the award has been given to a

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Photo by Constance Mensh

Sen. Richard Colburn shakes hands with Kim Nechay, assistant director of the SU Foundation.

Campus Blurs

By:ConstanceMensh

Staff Writer

Student Activities Fair

All students interested in finding out more about SU's student organizations should attend the Student Activities Fair, Thursday, Feb. 5, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

SOAP Acoustic Concert

This Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Gull's Nest, SOAP is holding an acoustic concert with Shwa and Cupajo. For more information on the bands go to www.cupajomusic.com and www.shwamusic.com

Gov. Wilder Lectures

SU hosts a lecture by former Virginia governor L. Douglas Wilder, Wednesday, Feb. 4. Wilder is the keynote speaker of SU's African-American History Month series. He is the first African-American elected governor in the United States in 1989. The title of his talk is "The Movement: Past, Present and Future," held at 7 p.m. in Holloway Hall Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public.

Bernstein Award Meeting

The 2003-2004 Bernstein Award Competition will award \$5,000 to the best plan for a new business. Students who would like to learn more about the competition and the campus resources available to help them create their plans are invited to an information meeting 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, in Holloway Hall Room 114.

Now in its 16th year, this competition provides an opportunity for every SU student, regardless of major, to develop a plan for the business of his or her dreams. For more information contact Dr. Stephen Adams at 410-677-5058 or sbadams@salisbury.edu.

Casting Call for Student Movie

The student directors of the movie "7even Days" will hold a casting call Feb. 5th, at 7 p.m.

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The Opportunity Column

By:ConstanceMensh

Staff Writer

Employment Opportunities

At the SU Job Fair on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 from 12:00-4:00, throughout the first floor of the University Center, employers from dozens of companies in the area will have information set up for students interested in employment.

Renter's Fair

On Wednesday, Feb. 11, the SGA will hold a renter's fair from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m. in the Wicomico Room, GUC, for students interested in off-campus housing.

Study Abroad Fair

Salisbury University's Study Abroad Fair will be held on Monday, Feb. 23 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Commons Lobby and Link of Nations (corridor between the Commons and GUC). Study Abroad advisors will be on hand as well as program directors for SU study abroad programs taking place this coming summer. For more information, visit the study abroad offices on the second floor of GUC in the Multiethnic Student Services area or call 410-548-4503 to set up an appointment with an advisor.

Battle of the Bands Demos

Any local bands with at least one full time student at SU are eligible to compete in SOAP's annual Battle of the Bands. Ten bands from the entries will be chosen to play at the event, held April 3. The winner of the battle will get to play at this year's Field Day on May 8th.

To enter, drop a CD demo anytime until Feb 27, with at least two original songs on it, along with contact info, to the SOAP office located in the student activities office in the GUC. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2004.

Seeking an energetic, organized, customer service oriented individual to answer phones and do light office work at a fun and fast paced law firm located in Downtown Salisbury. Hours are Monday and Wednesday from 8:30-5:30. Please contact Bob Marvel or Jim Emche at the Law Offices of Marvel & Emche, P.A. 410-742-6267

Salisbury University is offering several travel grants to students who plan to study abroad during summer or fall 2004 sessions. Grant amounts may vary depending on individual circumstances. Applications are available in the International Student Services office (Guerrieri University Center 229 A), Modern Languages (Holloway Hall 347) or the International Education Office (Guerrieri University Center 256). Applications are also available online at www.salisbury.edu/Students/ISS/HelpYou/StudAbroad.html. Deadline for returning the applications is Friday, April 2, 2004. For more information, please contact Agata Liszkowska at (410) 543-6313.

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The Frostburg State University Regional Math/Science Center is currently seeking Head Residents and Tutor Counselors to work with their program this summer. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Psychology, Education, Recreation or Related area or experience as a residential camp counselor. For more information, visit their web site at www.frostburg.edu/clife/mccenter.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Patriots win Super Bowl

The New England Patriots claimed their second title in three years, beating the Carolina Panthers 32-29 on Sunday night. Though the game was scoreless for a record 27 minutes, there were 37 points scored in the fourth quarter alone, and clutch kicker Adam Vinatieri scored a 41-yard field goal with four seconds left in the game, winning the NFL championship for the Patriots.

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Maryland legislator. Previous honorees include Sen. President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., D-27-Calvert, and Del. Pete Rawlings, D-40-Baltimore.

The Hargreaves Distinguished Fellow program is designed to engage SU students in civic education by directly involving a member of the Maryland government. Delegate Conway's future contributions to the program also involve an upcoming public lecture at SU.

With SU's Facilities Master Plan potentially costing \$230 million, attempts by students and administrators to influence state lawmakers could help the school's growth. The plan details the construction of many new facilities slated for the next 10-15 years, including a new parking garage, library, student housing and academic buildings.

Proposed costs for the Educational Technology complex total \$54 million, of which only the \$4 million for planning has actually been allocated. The building would house classrooms, the communications center and the Seidel School of Education and Professional Studies, replacing Caruthers Hall, which was originally built in 1955 as an elementary school and is the campus' second-oldest building.

Approximately 50 participants attended this year's event. About half were students involved in leadership at SU, many of whom have served as

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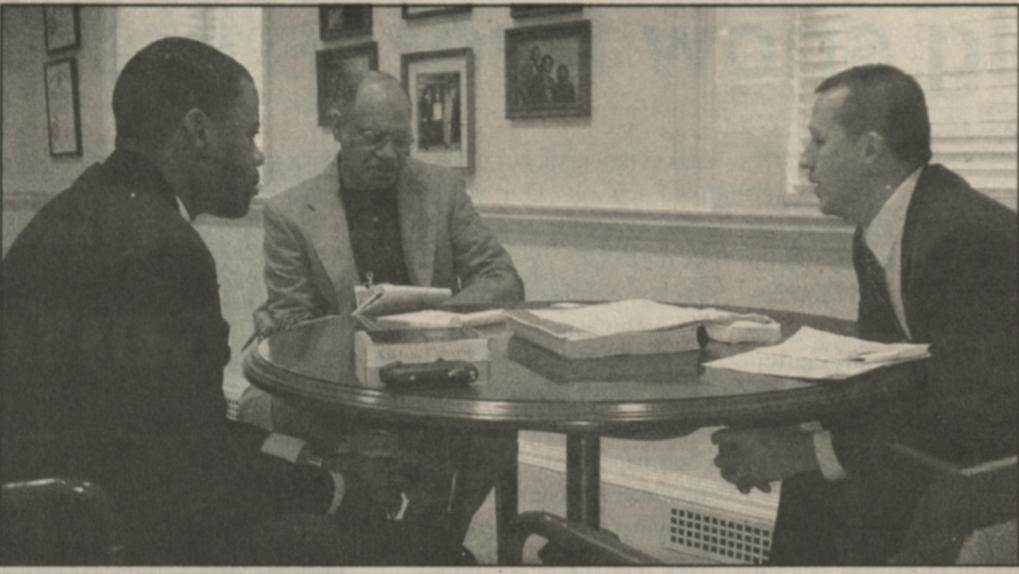


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Big snow freezes first day of classes

By: Shane Jacobus

Staff Writer

All classes at Salisbury University were cancelled due to inclement weather on Monday, Jan. 26. The 2004 spring semester was originally anticipated to begin on the 26th, however, road conditions made the administrators quickly reconsider.

Local news stations in the Salisbury area usually prompt the Emergency Procedures Committee at SU to take immediate action, following snow predictions in the Delmarva area.

SU Police Chief Jim Phillips, who is also the committee chair, sets his alarm clock for quarter after four. His job is to drive around Salisbury checking all major roads that lead to campus, particularly Route 13 and the Smith Street area. Basically, Phillips is determining whether or not it is safe for students and faculty to come to school. He usually contacts the provost, Dr. David Buchanan, by quarter after five.

"I let him know what I think," he said, "and we make a decision as to whether or not we can have school. Our goal is to have [cancellation news] out by six o'clock."

After a decision is made, the SU webmaster is quickly informed and a pop-up is placed on Salisbury's homepage to inform students that classes have been cancelled. Students can also access school closing information by calling the Gull Line at 410-546-6426.

Of course, the students were pleased that they had no classes on what would have been their first day of the semester. It gave them an extra day to relax without having to worry about starting off on the wrong foot.

"I was relieved because I went to bed late the previous night," said Alex Kazanas, a first semester freshman. "It was nice to have some extra sleep that morning and not have to worry about any assignments my first day."

Aside from getting more sleep, students spent the day playing in the snow rather than going in and out of classrooms, which is always more fun at the beginning of a semester.

Salisbury Crime Beat

01/11/04 - 01/12/04, 05:00 p.m. - 08:00 a.m.:
Vandalism

Graffiti was written on two office doors in Fulton Hall.

01/28/04, 11:01 a.m.:
Theft

A resident of Wicomico Hall reported that a lacrosse stick was stolen from the storage bins located near the cashier's station in the Commons.

01/26/04 - 01/28/04, 10:18 PM:
Telephone Misuse

A resident of Manokin Hall reported receiving several unwanted and annoying phone calls on a cell phone.



SU students celebrate the unexpected day off by building a snow fort.

OPINION

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Welcome back!

By: Becki Lee

Editor in Chief

One of the things that I love about Salisbury University is the dedication and involvement of certain individuals. It's absolutely inspiring what students, staff and faculty can do when they put their talents together. One of the things I don't love about SU is the fact that most students couldn't give a damn about anything other than drinking, partying and, occasionally, passing class.

So, here at the Flyer, we're going to try to facilitate higher levels of campus involvement. Expect to see all kinds of exciting columns and features to help keep you updated on what's going on around campus and what you can get involved in. And if there's something you're interested in that you think has been neglected on campus, talk about it! Start an RSO, or send us a letter to the editor, or mouth off about it in our upcoming feature, "The Feed." Which, by the way, is a forum where students, faculty and staff can anonymously talk about whatever's on their minds, whether it's good or bad, on campus or off campus, deep and thought-provoking or silly and ironic. Each week we'll feature a number of little blurbs people submit to "The Feed." Interested? Take a look at the ad to the right...and let us know what you think!

But you know what? I have faith in you guys. Prove me wrong. I've already witnessed the large number of

students that attended SU Day last week in order to speak to legislators in Annapolis about how cool our school is. I think I can be similarly impressed with the turnout at activities that take place on campus.

THE FEED

Got something to say?

Tell us:

Mouth off to flyer@salisbury.edu, message us at our AIM screenname [TheSUFeed](#), or call our voicemail at (410) 543-6191 (x36191 on campus).

This is an anonymous forum, so feel free to tell us what you think on any issue, whether it's tuition increases, awesome teachers, Election 2004, abortion, what you had for breakfast today, whatever.

Note: we need your name to confirm you are a student, faculty or staff member, but we promise we won't print it here.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editorial Policy

The Flyer is looking for editorials, comments and opinions from SU students, staff, and members of the Salisbury community. If you have something you would like to say, please send it as a word attachment to our email account, addressed "Letter to the Editor".

Letters to the editor should be brief. All letters are reviewed, but space does not always permit publishing every letter. Letters MUST include a full name and should be signed or sent with a phone number for verification. Students should include their year, major, and affiliation. Faculty should include their departments and affiliation. Upon receipt,

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VALENTINE'S DAY TREATS



SATURDAY,
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4:30-7:30 p.m.
In The Rotunda

- ♥ Hershey Kiss Cookies
- ♥ Valentine Candy
- ♥ Heart Shaped Sugar Cookies
- ♥ Decorated Cupcakes

Cheap and fun things to do in crappy weather

By: Carla Pini

Staff Writer

Whether it be snow, rain, sleet or storm, Salisbury sure can dish out some nasty weather. Only imagination can cure the usual boredom. When you think of what to do on days not worthy of a trip to the beach or even relaxation time in the quad, money becomes an issue in most cases. Let's face it, college students are known to be lacking the key element...CASH!

Of course you could always go window shopping at the mall, try on clothes and go home empty handed, but there are better ways to experience much more enjoyment when you and your friends are low on cash. Exploration into the minds and study habits of SU students proves that amusement can be found even without a wad of cash. Cheap and easy forms of amusement will leave you and your friends with that extra jingle in your wallets for more important things...like pizza!

Some of the more common cures for boredom include playing board games, reading Cosmo (or for guys, Maxim), playing computer and video games and the ever-popular doing one's homework. Other more inventive ways to spend your time indoors could include building a card castle. Done this before? Try building a card

castle the height of your younger siblings or even building a whole card town. Instead of going to the Commons to hang out, you could stay in the dorm devising your plans for world domination using Legos.

Chris Sample of Salisbury suggested that bored students might have some fun building a macaroni house. Sample and other students noted that a great way to beat boredom might be to read and practice different chapters of the Kama Sutra.

"Go to Cool Beans and get a chai tea," said Kristy Alviene, a senior chemistry major, as she warmed up with her favorite hot beverage in Cool Beans.

Let's not forget how much fun it can be to brave that crappy weather and walk across campus to go to the computer lab. Who can deny how much fun it is to search for your car in the wrong parking lot? Besides partying though, the most popular pastime of SU students has to be hanging out at the local Wal-Mart. What more can one ask for? They have everything from toys, to food, to those really fast carts you can push each other in!

Well, if you aren't into studying organic chemistry or roaming the aisles of Wal-Mart, go ahead and try building a macaroni house or becoming an expert at Mario Cart. And don't forget that pizza. Only one rule applies: Have fun!

Join the Flyer!

Interest Meetings:

Monday, Feb. 2: 9 p.m.
 Tuesday, Feb. 3: 4 p.m.
 Wednesday, Feb. 4: 11 a.m.

All meetings in Room 215 of the Guerrieri Center!

FEATURES

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The Flyer Presents... Real Campus Heroes Part 2

By: John Heath

& Constance Mensh

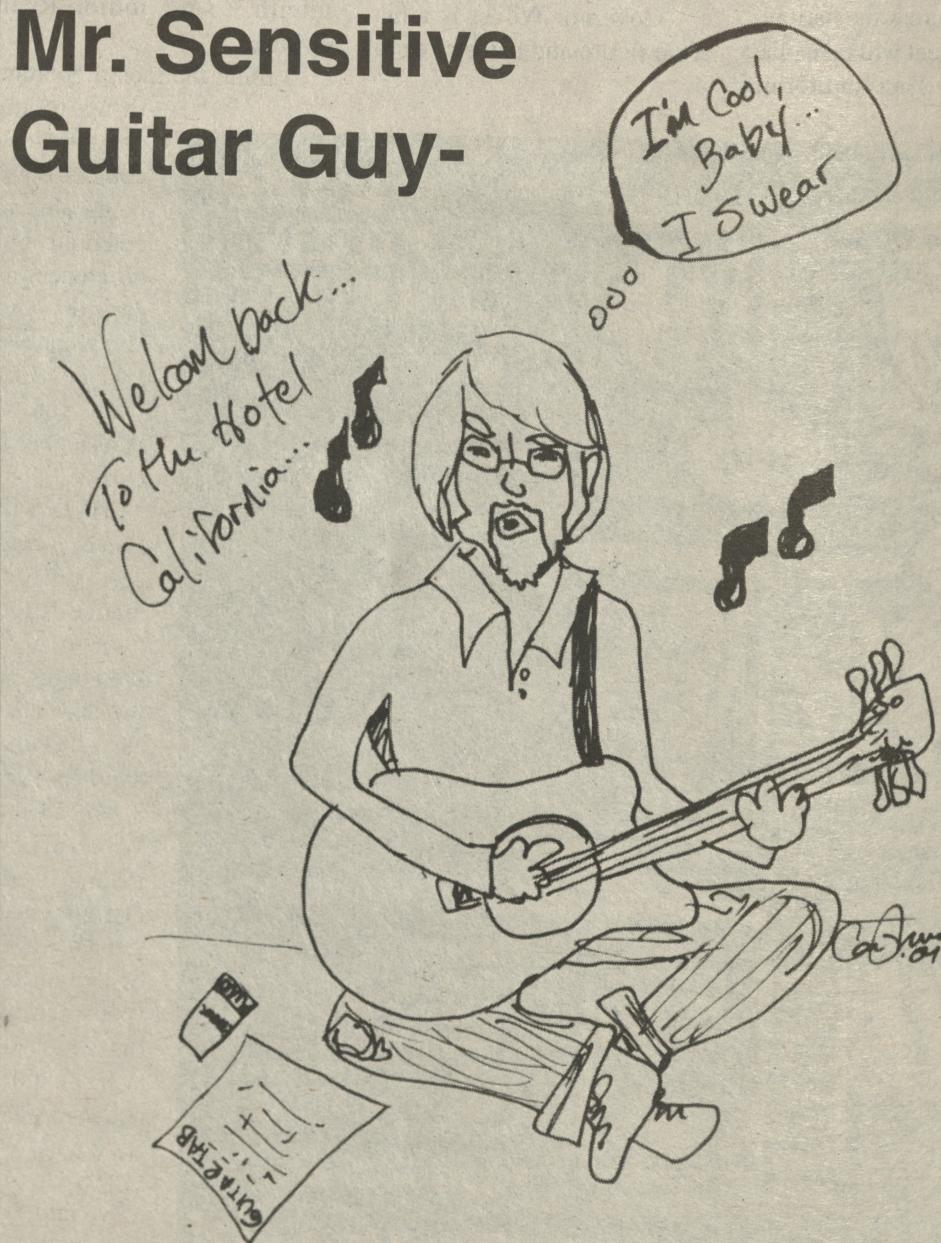
Mr. Sensitive Guitar Guy

Today we salute you, Mr. Sensitive Guitar Guy... Your nimble finger movements caress your vintage Martin guitar as the ladies swoon at your sight and dream in romantic wonderment of relationship possibilities... With your James Taylor inspired rhythms and majestic voice inflection, you over hear how Sally just got dumped by Joe... Sally will have no fear because you will save the day

serenade young freshmen while your fellow upperclassmen pass by shaking their heads at your angst... So maybe you do only know a song or two, but damn if that's not the best cover of "Hotel California" we've ever heard... While you work your magic on guitar, you over hear how Sally just got dumped by Joe... Sally will have no fear with anything?

and convert her bitter, hurt feelings into an all-night cry fest complete with a romantic live soundtrack... In the mean time, you help Joe get over Sally with some dude bonding time and a few Billy Joel tunes. So crack open a cold one, Mr. Sensitive Guitar Guy, because without you, how would any of us cope with anything?

Mr. Sensitive Guitar Guy-



By: Chris Weymont

Staff Writer

Since "Seinfeld" went off the air in 1999, the search for a good sitcom has been a difficult one for fans of the show. Look no more.

From Larry David, the co-creator of "Seinfeld," comes the ingenious "Curb Your Enthusiasm" on HBO. In the sitcom format, "Curb" follows the life of David. Using a script but mostly relying on adlibbing, "Curb" offers a different element in the comedic sitcom format that the prime networks have seemed to have lost: originality.

David, who inspired the character George Constanza of the "Seinfeld" series, is a man that audiences will either love or hate. "Curb" involves situations that are all too familiar to an average viewer.

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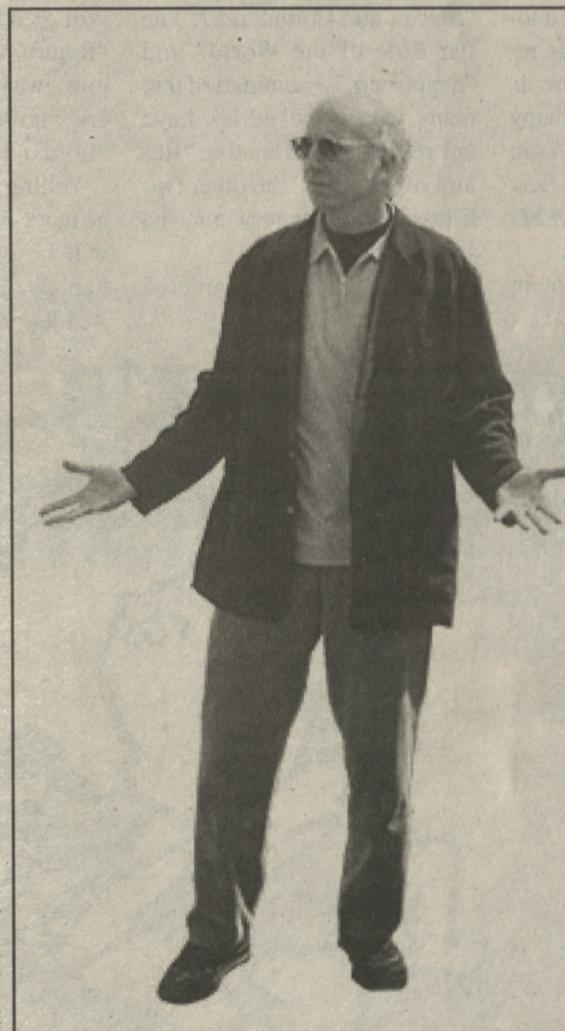
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David is also able to run other subplots throughout a 30 minute show. In the weatherman episode, David quarrels with the dentist about a shirtsleeve. He believes that if it is pulled up for an injection, his sleeve will be stretched out. In a rush, the dentist pulls up

missed. Fans will recognize David's humor from some of the most memorable "Seinfeld" episodes such as "The Contest." David drew upon his own



David is once again bewildered.

Image from Google

A&E

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"Curb Your Enthusiasm" offers some real laughs

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Kat's Rant of the Week

by Kat Hess

On the morning of Jan. 26, the Oscar nominations were announced and brought a couple of surprises with them. Actually, there were a lot of surprises. For one, Johnny Depp, after being in the business as long as I've been alive, was finally getting some attention...for playing a pirate. That wasn't exactly the most horrible thing, but, it was a bit annoying nonetheless. "Seabiscuit" getting a nod for Best Picture took the prize for most disappointing. The film was a great film, do not get me wrong, it just was not up to caliber with other movies that were released last year. Movies like "Kill Bill," "Love Actually" and "Finding Nemo" were much more deserving of this spot. My other big annoyance was Sean Astin not getting a nomination for Best Supporting Actor. His weight (no pun intended...or maybe it was) in the film "Return of the King" is astounding and pulls on the heartstrings of most of the audience. Astin's performance was moving, and for it to be overlooked was a grave mistake on the Academy's part. Another mistake the Academy might make is not awarding "Return of the King" Best Picture, but that is an entirely different rant that I hope I do not have to make.

And the nomination goes to...

By: Brian Zitzelman

A&E Editor

It is that time of year again. That special time when film buffs argue over who should win an Oscar at the Academy Awards and casual movie fans try to figure out why every year they have never heard of the nominees.

On Jan. 27, the nominees for this year's Academy Awards were announced and as is typical, a few surprises sneaked in there. Perhaps the biggest one of them all was the best actress nomination for 13-year-old Keisha Castle-Hughes in "Whale Rider." She is the youngest actress to ever be nominated in that category. Hughes will have stiff competition, however, with the recent Golden Globe winner Charlize Theron up for her performance in "Monster."

Another surprise appeared in the Best Actress category when last year's recipient, Nicole Kidman, was not nominated for her role in "Cold Mountain," a film which fared far worse than most were expecting. With eight Golden Globe nods, including Best Picture, experts thought the picture would rake in the nominations. In the end, "Cold Mountain" only received two of them, one for Jude Law

in the Best Actor category and the other for Renée Zellweger as a best supporting actress.

Johnny Depp, much to the delight and shock of many, gained a best actor nod for his part as Capt. Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl." The performance was considered the highlight of the picture and helped it make more than \$300 million at the box office. Despite his amazing acting job in the film, most thought Depp would not make it into the Best Actor group due to his part being a largely comedic one, something the academy rarely recognizes.

One common occurrence each year for the Academy Awards is the surprise recognition of a foreign film, such as last year's Best Original Screenplay winner "Talk to Her." This time around the winner was the Brazilian picture "City of God." The movie gained four nods, including two big ones in Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Director for Fernando Meirelles.

Despite all the surprises, a few pictures did just what everyone expected they would. This year's favorite currently looks to be "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," the final part of the trilogy

based on J.R.R. Tolkien's best selling books. The movie gained 11 nods, including such major ones as Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Director for Peter Jackson and of course



Bill Murray gets Best Actor nod for "Lost in Translation."

odd spot for the academy. No fantasy film has ever won the illustrious Best Picture award and the previous two "Lord of the Rings" films, though nominated for the Oscar, did not capture it, losing to "A Beautiful Mind" and "Chicago." However, the majority of critics have written that they think the third installment in the series is the best of them all and could even get the award as an overarching recognition of the trilogy. While it is the favorite, it does face some stiff competition. While few think that "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" and "Seabiscuit," a nomination that many were shocked by, have any real chance at beating "Return of the King," the other two films in the category may be able to do so.

"Return of the King" is in an

"Mystic River" has garnered

tremendous amounts of praise for its bevy of acting performances, including Sean Penn, a Best Actor nominee, and Tim Robbins, a Best Supporting Actor nominee. The Clint Eastwood directed film may be the spoiler of the night for Peter Jackson's crew. But the movie that probably has the best chance to play that role is Sofia Coppola's "Lost in Translation."

The picture contains

Scarlett Johansson and Best Actor nominee Bill Murray, in what critics are often calling his best performance to date, and is of such a different nature than "Return of the King," it could lure away those academy voters who have not selected the "Lord of the Rings" in the past.

Yelling will occur, bets will be made and all the speculation will be put aside on Sunday, Feb. 29 during the 76th annual Academy Awards.

he won Best Director. Unlike "Braveheart," though, "The Passion of the Christ" is being received with very mixed feelings.

A large number of Jewish organizations have claimed that the movie paints a picture of Jews in such a way that it may bring a new and intense level of anti-Semitism. The concerns have been made larger by Gibson's refusal to allow any media or Jewish groups worried about anti-Semitism into screenings of the film.

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best-known review of the film may be one that actually never occurred. In mid-December, the weekly magazine

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were upset. Due to the history of problems with pictures dealing with religion; major film studios



James Caviezel plays Jesus in this controversial film.

Jesus is back...and people are peeved

By: Brian Zitzelman

A&E Editor

On Feb. 25, Ash Wednesday, perhaps the most controversial film of the decade will be released, "The Passion of the Christ." The film deals with the last 12 hours in the life of Jesus based on Gospel narratives, containing dialogue in only Latin, Hebrew and Aramaic, with no subtitles.

The film is the project of Mel Gibson, who has come upon heavy scrutiny over his version of the subject. Though not starring as Jesus, who instead is being played by James Caviezel, Gibson is directing the picture. It will be the first film he has directed since 1995's "Braveheart," for which

the most popular Internet critic around, saw an early version of the film, without some post-production elements. On his website he wrote, "'The Passion of the Christ' was astonishing in its very rough form," and has since been an avid supporter of the movie.

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Films dealing with religion have long run into controversy, unless of course they are on such a small scale as something like "Jesus Christ, Vampire Hunter." Acclaimed director Martin Scorsese ran into protesters in 1988 when he released "The Last Temptation of Christ." In 1999, writer-director Kevin Smith met similar reactions with his comedy "Dogma." Smith secretly joined in on a number of protests when the movie was released, finding out that many in the crowds had never actually seen the film with which they

opted not to produce Gibson's project. To deal with the issue, Gibson decided to put forward more than \$20 million out of his wallet to create "The Passion of the Christ." With the help of indie distributor Newmarket Films, the movie will hit over two thousand theaters later this month, one of the biggest openings ever for an independent work.

Though "The Passion of the

Christ" has run into a somewhat harsh response so far, Gibson has gone on record stating, "I anticipate the worst is yet to come. I hope I'm wrong."

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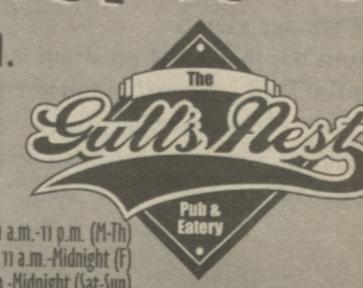


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Broadcasters gone stupid

By: Kevin Froehlich

Staff Writer

If there's one thing I like, it's definitely "The Family Guy." Peter Griffin tripping on the sidewalk, grabbing his leg, and sighing in pain is timeless. But if there's one thing I hate, it's stupid broadcasters. And people, there's a whole lot of them. I'm not talking about them being intellectually incompetent; I'm talking about the mind-numbing phrases they say. I've heard the media is supposed to "dumb it down," but most of these guys dumb themselves down instead. Here are just a few of the phrases that

make me want to viciously poke them in their eyes.

"What was he thinking?" "Why would he foul in this situation?" "Come on, like he did it on purpose." I'm sure, up one with four seconds to go, he really felt it was necessary to foul the league's best free-throw shooter in the act. Are you serious? It's called being human. He probably was trying to be the hero and instead got a little too much of the forearm. It's like cheating on your girlfriend. You think you can get away with it, but once you get caught, you don't fully understand the consequences until all your stuff is given to Goodwill. This

phrase also includes penalty references and why a pitcher would walk a batter.

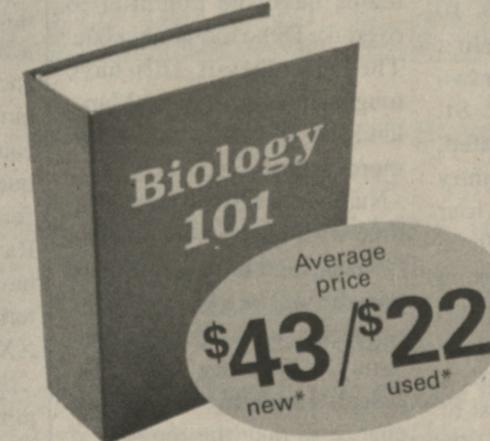
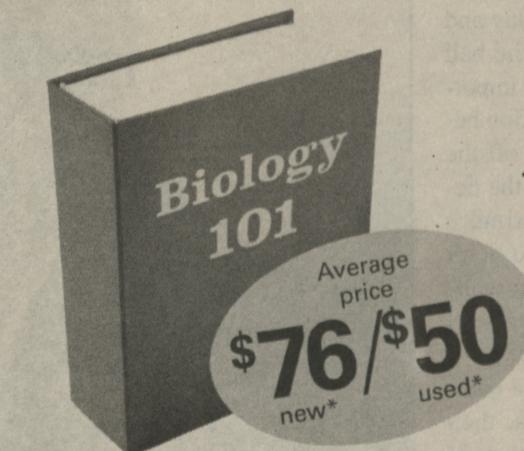
"He goes to the line where he is shooting 83 percent on the season." Thanks, Dicky V, thanks. No really, I love it when you jinx my player like that, especially against Duke when we are down by three. It's like the announcers mean to get under the viewers' stand. Everyone knows he's missing at least one now. It happens all the time, no matter if it's a compliment or about how bad of a shooter he is, in which case he'll actually make both and raise that 46 percent average up to 47 percent.

There are three exceptions, two for the former, one for the latter. Case one: Michael Williams of the Timberwolves who made 97 straight in 1993, and Michael Jordan in the clutch. To steal a Jack McKeon line, Jordan has the guts of a burglar. Case two: Shaq. It doesn't matter at all with him, he just keeps on missing. This phrase also includes field goal attempts and saying a closer hasn't given up a game-winning home run in however long (Rey Ordonez could be up and he'd drop a bomb to the next area code).

Finally, anything a sideline reporter says is pointless. It's

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The madness is starting earlier than normal.

By: Matt Dewhurst

Staff Writer

It's February, it's college basketball season and it's awesome, baby! In a season that has already seen a number of top ranked teams fall by the wayside, it is fair to say that the top spot, currently held by Duke, could be anyone's soon. Kansas, Florida and UConn have all been there, with all but the Huskies falling quickly. Even Dick Vitale couldn't have predicted that the field would be so even.

There have been plenty of other upsets throughout the top 25 all season. Most recently Richmond, whose team members don't even remember the last time they were ranked in the top 25, beat them No. 10 Kansas. We're only in the first week of February and only two teams, Stanford and St. Joseph's, remain undefeated. Only five teams in the country have one loss. There are four teams in the top 10 with three losses and five more sporting four-loss records in the top 25. That's just crazy.

In the same poll you lack teams who have done most of the upsetting. Squads like Maryland, who beat a number one in Florida and gave another a run for its money in Duke, and Florida State, who beat top 15s UNC and Wake Forest, remain out of the loop. What does this mean? It means that come March there could be more madness than ever. Now true, there is a lot of ball to be played, and teams could start to

straighten out and put together long winning streaks, but don't bet on it.

Current No. 1 Duke has yet to make solid statements in big games since taking over the top spot. They have been impressive at times but also getting good scares in conference games. There are also plenty of teams that could come from down in the poll too and make a run towards the top before the season is done. Mississippi State, Louisville and Pittsburgh all have been solid this season and only have one loss. Don't forget about the two schools with no losses at all, the aforementioned Stanford Cardinal and St. Joe's Hawks. Both teams have the potential to overtake Duke for number one. The Blue Devils still have tough games left against Maryland and Wake Forest and two more against UNC.

Number two Stanford has big time wins against Arizona and Gonzaga and have a chance to take the season sweep with the rematch against 'Zona on Saturday. Number three St. Joseph's probably has the best chance to take the top spot if Duke falters. They have no real obstacles left on their schedule and have a legitimate chance to have a perfect regular season. Now with that all said, the way the season is going, this could all be thrown out the window by the time it is printed, that's how crazy it's been already. We'll just have to wait and see how the madness plays out.

overs.

No team has won 16 games in a row since the 1972 Dolphins, but the New England Patriots have a good shot at it if they can beat Carolina in Super Bowl XXXVIII. Pats head coach Bill Belichick, the reigning NFL coach of the year, has shown why he was worth the first round draft pick owner Bob Kraft surrendered for his services. At one point in the season, the Patriots lost nine starters to injury forcing younger players into starting roles. Those players have since returned from injury giving the Pats great depth that will allow them to be flexible with their personnel packages and put their players in a position to make plays.

Carolina Panthers quarterback, Delhomme, has come too



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John Fox, head coach of the Carolina Panthers, perhaps contemplating his chances in the Superbowl?

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NFL playoff recap

By: John Denny

Staff Writer

far to miss his opportunity at a Super Bowl ring. Delhomme is not afraid to pass the burden on to his two-headed running attack of Davis and Foster to win in Houston. After all, the Panthers are in the Super Bowl after he only threw for 101 yards on 9-14 passing and one touchdown against the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC championship game. Their defense has gelled around one of the most dominant defensive fronts in football, which could prove critical since the line of scrimmage is won or lost by the defensive line.

Sixty minutes of football will settle this showdown. The team that executes consistently and efficiently on offense and creates critical turnovers on defense will be crowned World Champions in the end.

Carolina Panthers quarterback, Delhomme, has come too

Track & Field at Widener U.

By: Noah Wood

Staff Writer

A small number of athletes from the Salisbury University track and field team competed at Widener University in Chester, Pa. last Saturday.

The head coach, Jim Jones, took five athletes to compete at this meet and they all had strong performances. The five that went were throwers Brandon Fields, K.C. Gale, Melissa Lewis, Tim Robinson and Jerrod Sampel.

One major highlight was Brandon Fields taking fifth in the Weight Throw with 46 feet and 2.5 inches (which was a

quarter of an inch off of his school record from last year.) Also, Gale took fifth in the Shot Put with a throw of 34 feet and 1.5 inches. She also participated in the Weight Throw as well. Another outstanding performance was Melissa Lewis with a new school record of 42 feet and 0 inches in the Weight Throw.

This obliterated her former school record of 39 feet and one-half inch, set in last year's Mason-Dixon Championship Meet. In addition, Robinson participated in the weight throw and Sampel threw the shot-put. These five athletes competed very well at the meet and are off to a terrific start for a long season.

"We are off to a great start. To have Melissa Lewis break a school record is really very good for the first meet of the season. I was pleased with the efforts that all the throwers had," said Coach Jones. The next meet that the Sea Gulls will compete in will be the Hawks Games this coming Saturday at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore indoor facility. All fans and friends are welcome to attend and support the Seagulls as they begin another great track and field season in full force.

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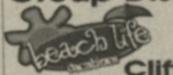
I guess what I'm trying to say is, for the most part, shut up! People make these comments all the time at the bar or at home with friends. We don't need to hear the broadcasters say it. If I want my player jinxed, I'll call up my friend who's a Duke fan and

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Women's basketball outlasts St. Mary's in OT

By: Kevin Froehlich

Staff Writer

Christen Barney scored 19 points, including seven in overtime, as Salisbury came away with an 82-74 win over St. Mary's. The Sea Gulls (10-9, 4-4 CAC) outscored the Seahawks (5-13, 2-6 CAC) 16-8 in the extra five minutes to snap a three game losing streak.

St. Mary's controlled the first half and was up by 10 at one point and led at halftime. Senior guards Kristin Francis and Megan Baskins attacked the zone defense of the Sea Gulls with great results. Senior Mary Kate Lenz was the main recipient from her teammates, scoring a game-high 32 points



Photo by Kat Hess

The Sea Gulls score against St. Mary's Seahawks.

while shooting 16 of 24 from the field.

In the second half, however, Salisbury came back to take the

lead more than once. Man-to-man and press defenses allowed them to get back in the game. Kiera Watkins had 17 and Gen Olds contributed 13 for the Sea Gulls, yet it was Barney and fellow sophomore Cyndi Benjamin who helped propel the game into overtime. Benjamin scored eight points, all from the line, with four coming in the final

minute to cut the Seahawk lead to 2 with 18 seconds left. After St. Mary's missed a free throw and Barney came down with the rebound, Francis fouled her with five seconds left on the clock. Barney sank both attempts, tying the game at 66. Baskins missed a lean-in shot to win the game for the Seahawks as time expired, sending the contest into overtime. Salisbury went ahead early in the extra frame and did not relinquish control.

Salisbury continues its conference play Wednesday, Feb. 4 when they travel to Catholic to play the CAC's second place team.

Men's basketball battles back against Marymount

By: Dan Parker

Staff Writer

The men's basketball team showed its will and determination Thursday night by overcoming a 12-point halftime deficit to beat Marymount University 75-68. The Gulls started off by turning the ball over consistently and shooting a sluggish 29 percent from the field, finding themselves trailing 36-24 at the half.

The Gulls came out playing inspired basketball in the second half. The team began to execute designed plays by being patient and taking smart shots. Led by Segun Odumeru's 25 points, SU took over the second half. Marymount was unable to contain Odumeru because of his ability to create space and finish in the paint. "My team had faith in me and knew I would

come through," said Odumeru. "I knew that they wouldn't be able to stop me."

Odumeru's play was contagious as the Gulls were able to close within four points after only six minutes of play in the second half. The two teams played intense basketball for most of the contest but the Sea Gulls stayed in the game and were finally able to take the lead at the three-minute mark. The Gulls would not relinquish their lead thanks to excellent free throw shooting and careful ball management down the stretch.

This proved to be a vital win for the men's team because it was their first win in the CAC. Thursday night's win shows that the Sea Gulls have the ability to come from behind and perform in clutch situations.



Photo by Kat Hess

The men's basketball team took over the second half of the game against Marymount.